

TO ENFORCE PROHIBITION.

Attorney General Palmer Declares it His Duty.

Washington, April 27.—Enforcement of national war time prohibition, effective next July 1, will be undertaken by the department of justice.

Attorney General Palmer, in a statement issued tonight, declared that "as long as the act remains in force under its terms it becomes my duty to see that it is enforced like all other laws by the prosecution of such persons as violate it." The attorney general further asserted that he possessed no power to grant amnesty to any one who might manufacture beer pending an interpretation of the law as to what percentage of alcohol constituent brings beer within the meaning of the prohibition act.

The statement of the attorney general definitely settled the question of the agency to take up the enforcement of the act, which arose when Commissioner of Internal Revenue Rooper let it be known that his bureau had neither the funds nor a staff available for carrying out the act's enforcement. The voluntary assumption by the attorney general of the act's enforcement also relieves President Wilson of any deliberation of authority under the Overman act, which it was thought might be necessary.

After asserting that there "has been a good deal of misunderstanding of the plans and purposes of the department of justice" with respect to enforcement of the act and that under its terms it is the duty of his department to enforce the prohibition law, Mr. Palmer in his statement said:

Palmer's Statement.

"It is my duty to do this without any regard whatever for my own opinion as to the wisdom or unwisdom of the legislation, which is a matter entirely for the congress. There has naturally been some difference of opinion as to the proper construction of the act, but the final word with respect to its interpretation is with the courts, whose judgment will, I am sure, be cheerfully acquiesced in by all interested involved.

"All the questions involved in the interpretation of the law have been recently argued in a suit pending in New York. I was glad to co-operate with the attorneys representing brewers in an effort to expedite that case to an authoritative decision, and I am hopeful that the proper construction of the law may be settled by the court before it becomes necessary for the brewers to determine without a court decision just how they shall proceed.

The Brothers Wesley.

There are many unquestionable examples of an almost instinctive musical genius manifesting itself in early infancy. Probably the most remarkable of these is the instance of the two brothers Wesley—Samuel and Charles, occurring as it did in one family.

Charles Wesley was the son of a well-known Methodist clergyman of the same name, and a nephew of the better known founder of Methodism. He was born at Bristol, England, on the 11th of December, in 1737. Nearly from his birth his mother used to quiet him and amuse him with her harpsichord. Even before he could speak his musical ear was so nice that he would not permit his mother to play with one hand only, but would take the other and place it on the keys.

Soon attempting to play himself, Charles Wesley's mother used to tie him in a chair at the harpsichord, where he would amuse himself for hours together. When only two years and nine months old, he astonished his parents by playing a tune in correct time. Soon afterwards he could play any air he chanced to hear, with a true bass added, as if spontaneously without study or hesitation. He then seemed to have little respect or reverence for any one not a musician. When asked to play for a stranger, he would inquire, in his childish, prattle, "Is he a musiker?" and, if the answer were in the affirmative, he would run to the instrument with ready eagerness.

Samuel Wesley was born in 1766, and evinced a talent for music almost as early as his elder brother Charles. He could play a tune when but two years and eleven months old, and could put a correct bass to airs long before he had acquired a knowledge of musical notation. He con-

DISCUSSES FEDERAL ROAD AID.

Orangeburg Citizens Consider Plans to Secure Funds.

Orangeburg, April 26.—A meeting of the good roads advocates of Orangeburg county was held at the courthouse here yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock. The meeting was called by J. J. Mackay, chairman of the county board of commissioners, to discuss plans to make promptly available \$125,000 federal aid for roads in the county. Those present appeared to be enthusiastic over the enterprise. The meeting was presided over by Senator Edward F. Friday. Instructive and interesting addresses were delivered by Senator E. D. Smith, Congressman Asbury F. Lever and F. H. Murray of the State highway department.

Lieut. Gov. J. T. Liles offered resolutions that sentiment was overwhelmingly in favor of good roads and that the federal government had made appropriations available dependent upon similar sums from localities and that the Orangeburg delegation be requested to pledge themselves to provide the necessary levy to raise by taxation \$100,000 to be used with the \$25,000 now available from automobile license fees in making permanent such highways as are in the opinion of the State highway commission the most important. This resolution was carried.

The members of the legislative delegation were present and asked to express their views. Senator Friday and Representative Berry expressed themselves as ready for the enterprise, while Representatives H. P. Fulmer and Whetsell Dukes were not so complete in their agreement. Another meeting will soon be called to organize the Orangeburg County Good Roads association.

Pride That Went Before a Fall.

Of the innumerable stories told of the ex-Kaiser's vanity, none surpasses one concerning a little incident that took place on board a British war-ship a few years ago. The recently deposed emperor was being entertained at dinner during a visit to the British fleet, and when smoking began, took up a cigar and looked round for a cigar cutter. One not being handy, an officer immediately offered him a penknife, which William used and returned with the solemn remark, "Keep it, and guard it well; one day it will be historic."

—The Argonaut.

Wouldn't Take a Chance.

"Why don't you get out and hustle? Hard work never killed anybody," remarked the philosophical gentleman to whom Rastus applied for a little charity.

"You're mistaken dar, boss," replied Rastus; "I've lost four wives dat way."—Peoples Home Journal.

stantly attended his brother, playing or rather making believe to play, on a chair or table, while Charles played the harpsichord. With the advantage of such an example, he soon outstripped his brother. He learned to read from the words of songs in music books, and could compose music long before he could write. At the age of eight years he surprised the musical world by an oratorio, entirely his own composition, which he entitled "Ruth."

As not unfrequently happens in cases of premature development, the flattering promises of youth were not fulfilled, at least, in riper years. After attaining a certain degree of excellence as a performer, he remained stationary; none of his compositions ever soared above mediocrity, and the height of his eminence was the appointment as organist of the fashionable church of St. George's, Hanover Square.

Samuel Wesley attained much greater eminence, both in point of musical and general acquirement. He was possessed by an absorbing passion for music, but this did not prevent him from becoming in addition, a good Greek, Latin and Italian scholar at a very early age. Sheridan said of him: "I am no judge of Mr. Wesley's musical abilities, but I will venture to assert that his intellectual powers and education would enable him to distinguish himself in any walk of life."

These brilliant prospects were clouded by an unhappy misfortune. Mr. Wesley one night accidentally fell into an excavation for building purposes, that had shamefully been left unguarded, in one of the London streets. The effects of this fall depressed his mental energies; for seven years he remained in a low dependent state of mind, refusing the solace even of his beloved art. He subsequently experienced several recoveries and relapses, before being finally relieved by death. He, however, composed a complete cathedral service for the Church of England, on which his fame as a musician now principally rests.

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